



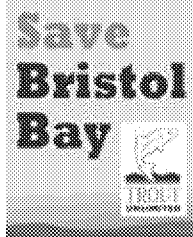


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An op-ed piece by two commercial fishermen in the Homer News says that Sen. Mark Begich provides a reasonable voice on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. The senator recently said he supports finishing the Assessment and believes that it provides the mine backers with good information in advance of permitting.

“The senator's words are uplifting and show his clear willingness to be the strong leader that Alaska's tribes, sportsmen and commercial fishermen have been waiting for,” write Brett Veerhusen and Will Bishop. “Only one in three Alaskans support the Pebble project, and it's time for someone to take this message back to Washington, D.C.”

In the Juneau Empire, lodge owner and fishing guide Nanci Lyon wrote an opinion piece in response to an op-ed by former Senator and Governor Frank Murkowski. Lyon says business people across the region are tired of living under the cloud of uncertainty cast by the Pebble project and they support restrictions on inappropriate development.

“The Pebble Partnership likes to tell us in their fancy ads that mining of this magnitude and salmon can coexist; science tells us that it cannot, at least not in Bristol Bay. If Pebble truly believes in this coexistence, then they should not be opposed to upfront conversation about what should and shouldn't be allowed in this region,” Lyon wrote.

Lastly, several stories covered concerns from fishermen about the Pebble Mine at events and a panel discussion by professors, fishermen and authors at the FisherPoets festival in Astoria, Oregon.

Here's an excerpt: “It's bigger than just Pebble Mine,” said (Daniel) Schindler, a professor of aquatic and fishery sciences at the UW. “Pebble Mine is going to pave the way to open the whole region up.”

For more information, visit [www.savebristolbay.org](http://www.savebristolbay.org)

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### **Begich's comments show willingness to be voice of reason on Pebble project**

*Homer News*

Brett Veerhusen and Will Bishop

We were pleased to see Sen. Mark Begich's comments about the EPA's watershed assessment for Bristol Bay during his recent visit to Homer. While many of our elected officials in Alaska and Washington, D.C., have taken an ill-informed, uncompromising stance against the watershed assessment, Sen. Begich's comments represent a rational approach in line with the vast majority of his constituents ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Pebble Mine & the Clean Water Act**

*Juneau Empire*

Nanci Lyon

While Alaska may host a wide variety of people, thoughts and ideas, I think we can all agree that salmon are an important part of calling this great state home. Whether in our belly, on the end of our line or in our net, salmon feed us, provide jobs and support a multi-billion dollar a year economy ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Bristol Bay Area Plan revisions questioned**

*The Cordoba Times*

Margaret Bauman

Bristol Bay residents concerned over the state's proposed revisions to an area management plan that could ease development of a massive mining say they plan to submit their own alternative plan before the April 4 public comment deadline ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Pebble Mine opponents gather during FisherPoets event**

*Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Ted Shorack

FisherPoets read from their repertoire at Clemente's Restaurant Friday in support of efforts to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay. The bay's pristine headwaters could become a district for open-pit mining of copper deposits, and potential impacts on the environment and fisheries have fishermen and others keenly concerned ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Fishers hook the crowd with talent**

*The Daily Astorian*

Rebecca Sedlak

Wet Dog Cafe was full to the brim with diners Friday night; there was a waiting list to snag a table. Waiters weaved in between patrons, carrying trays laden with burgers and beverages. But Tele Aadsen's soft voice rang clear as a bell above the low buzz of laughter and clink of dishes ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **2-26-13 Pebble Mine 2.1.jpg**

*The Daily Astorian*

Alex Pajunas

FisherPoets Jon Broderick, left, of Cannon Beach, and Jay Speakman, of Gearhart, perform their Pebble Mine protest

song "Those Days Before the Mine" ... [Click here to see more](#)

### **The Last Cast: A Fight to Save Bristol Bay**

*The Rocky River*

Alaskaflyout.com's wonderful video captures the feelings of anglers, guides, and sportsman alike who vehemently dispute the proposal of the Pebble Mine construction in Bristol Bay. If built, the open-pit gold mine would produce and dump 10 billion tons of toxic waste into the home of one of the largest remaining wild salmon migrations on the entire planet ... [Click here to watch more](#)

### **You couldn't pick a worse place to dig a gold mine**

*The Day*

Laura Kastner

In Bristol Bay, Alaska, shouts of protest can be heard just as loudly as the water runs. The bay's residents are fighting for their ecosystem, their home, their identity. At the root of it all: millions of salmon. If companies like Anglo American and Rio Tinto get what they want - a massive open-pit gold and copper mine at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, called Pebble Mine - those shouts will be silenced ... [Click here to read more](#)

### **Pebble Mine Update**

*Fish with JD*

The proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed would be a catastrophic disaster that would destroy some of the world's richest salmon spawning areas. The fight to stop the mine is still in full swing and anti-Pebble groups got some good news when the EPA released a report that says the mine would have severe negative effects on the area's resources ... [Click here to read more](#)

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